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Filed: October 3, 2000
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Title: Automated Material
Handling System for a
Manufacturing Facility
Divided into Separate
Fabrication Areas

Examiner: Masinick, M.
Group/Art Unit: 2125
Atty. Dkt. No: 5000-83702

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF
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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of October 9, 2002, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

REMARKS

Claims 16-22 remain pending in the application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.